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I remain annoyed by the 9 states that refuse to settle w/Microsft. I believe their Attorney Generals have been unduly influenced by Microsoft's competitors, who long ago determined that if they couldn't beat Microsoft in the marketplace, they would do it in court.

In today's global economy, it seems misguided to legally impose restrictions on one of the US' most productive and recognized companies. Has Microsoft shafted investors and employees like Enron? No! There is absolutely no comparison. Is DOJ going to prosecute the criminal level of 'doing business' at Enron? At Arthur Anderson? These are the type of companies and individuals that need Federal and State scrutiny and prosecution. These types make a mockery, an oxymoron, of the concept, "business ethics."

Will the Feds and State go after these recognized political supporters with the same pit bull determination they attacked Microsoft? Probably not, because in this case, mostly lowly taxpayers and wage earners were harmed. People who cannot fill the coffers of the political parties and their Attorney General lackeys like Sun, Oracle, and the other disparagers of Microsoft. Let's spend our tax dollars to defend Americans from being bilked by the likes of the criminal scum that made the decisions at Enron and Arthur Anderson. Let their comrades know that such behavior will result in crushing penalties and serious jail time! Allow Microsoft to advance its business model and lead the American economy into a prosperous new era.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my opinion.